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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARI

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File No. 31

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SUBJECT.

Siva & Vishnu Temples on the Garu-
-dangiri Hill in the Srikakulam Taluk
(Sanctioning Cash grant &c)

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

Subject.

In re the taking over the Siva and Vishnu temples on the Garudanagiri Hill, under Govt management

LAST REFERENCE —

Letter No. 379 dated — 5th December 1904, from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District

Siva and Vishnu temples on the Garudanagiri Hill, which are of great antiquity and Puranic renown, are endowed with a monthly cash grant of Rs 3-4-5, as particularized in the margin

Vasudevayya, Patel of the Garudanagiri Village and Agent of these temples, petitioned to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore and the Dewan of Mysore, stating:—

1) that, on the top of the Hill in the Arsikere Taluk there are many Siva and Vishnu temples dedicated to Sadhulinge Swara, Narasimha Swamy, Anjaneya Swamy etc;

2) that the temple buildings, which were in a dilapidated condition, were repaired by him at a large outlay; a new car was constructed; a house —

* Garudanagiri Sankaseswara Swamy: — A A 6
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for the accomodation of the travellers was purchased; and other improvements were effected therein;

3) that he purchased lands, and deposited a large amount in the Taluk Savings Bank at Arsikere, for the benefit of the temples;

4) and that regular accounts are maintained for the income and expenditure of the temples;

and praying:-

1) that, as some Inam lands, which were originally granted to the temples were taken up by Govt, the monthly cash grant of Rs 3-4-5, which is insufficient to meet the necessary expenditure of the temple, may be raised to Rs 10/.

2) that the forest produce from the Gundanagiri Hill may be permitted to be collected for the benefit of the temples as was being done formerly;

3) that, as the top of the Hill is ~~work~~ not, at present, easily accessible, he has undertaken to construct a pathway, with steps, from the bottom to the top of the Hill and that he is prepared to contribute one-fourth of the cost required for the work, the balance being ordered to be paid by Govt;

4) and that the temple and its endowments may be taken under Government management.

The petition which was referred to this office by the Private Secretary for disposal, and those addressed to this office, were all forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, and that Officer has submitted a detailed report thereon.

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From the Vernacular records received with the above, it is observed as follows:-

A Nirup granted by the Nawab Hyder Ali Khan (a copy of which prepared from Hadig's Old Accounts is herein enclosed) goes to show that Inam lands, in the Garudanagiri Village, to the value of 12 Vakahas had been assigned as Sarvamanya to the Sri Anjaneya Swamy temple for Gaditara, Deeparadhane and other Services thereon. Patel Vasudevaya deposes before the Amildar of the Arsikere Taluk to the effect that it is not possible for him to say as to what became of the original Sannad. It is further observed that it is impossible to trace out their situation in the Garudanagiri Village.

The petitioner prays that the government may sanction an enhanced monthly grant of Rs 10/, as the present grant appears to be too small a sum to maintain the worshipper and other establishment attached to the temples.

The Amildar of the Arsikere taluk, who conducted the enquiry, reports as follows:-

The temples on the Gundanagiri Hill are recent and time honored institutions. They are subject to the ~~interference by~~ control of the government, as they enjoys a cash tasdik of Rs 3-4-5 from the government. In view to improve the efficiency of the temple, the appointment of a Brahman Pujari on Rs 5/ and a watchman on Rs 3/ is necessary; ~~and~~ the Amildar accordingly recommends that the Govt may be pleased to raise the tasdik to Rs 10/ as prayed for by the petitioner.

On 11th May 1900, certain aged residents of the Gundanagiri village deposed before the Amildar that, some 50 years ago, tamarind trees alone grew on the Hill; that they had actually seen the produce thereof being delivered to the Archak for services in the temples and pray that the forest produce of the jungle from gall-nuts and other trees should be ordered to be given over to the temple.

In this connexion, Patel Vasudevayya deposes that only the produce of the tamarind trees is, even now, being delivered to the temple, but he admits that there is no documentary evidence in support of the claim.

The District Forest officer states that the produce of the jungle has been collected by the Forest Deptt since 1894 and the annual income thereof is Rs 100/. A Forest

on Rs 4/- per mensem is appointed to keep watch over it But as it is neither notified nor settled by the Forest Department, that Officer is of opinion that the Government may order its disposal in the manner they deem fit

The Amildar reports that considering the situation of the temples on the Hill and the fact that the produce of the jungle was enjoyed by the temples, it is just that the produce thereof should be given over to the temple.

From the ~~ce~~ certificates granted by the Assistant Engineer of Kadur and other officers, who visited the temples, it is observed that the people will have to walk ~~[illegible]~~ on thorns and stones to ~~[illegible]~~ ~~them at~~ go to the top of the hill, and, as such, the construction of a ~~pathway~~ flight of steps appears to be a real necessity.

The Deputy Commissioner, in reporting the foregoing facts, states that the temples are kept in a very good condition; and that at the end of October 1904, there was a sum of ~~Rs~~ 959.13 in the name of the Deity, in the Savings Bank of the Arsikere Taluk Treasury; and that 2 pieces of land, as noted in the margin, in the Kallusadarahalli Village, T+H Cor measuring 4 Acres and 19 guntas and assessed at Rs 3-11-6, and the khate ~~whereof~~ thereof standing in the name of the deity, have been made over to the temples, the produce which is being utilized for Raditara other services therein. That officer

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1 ; 0-29; Rs 0-8-0
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recommends that the prayer of the petitioner to raise the tasdik from Rs 3-4 5 (wrongly given as Rs 3 4-0 to Rs 10) may be favorably considered and the temples taken under Govt management

As for the Forest produce, the Deputy Commissioner states that deducting the pay of the Forest guard per annum viz Rs 84/- from the annual income of Rs 100/- there is only a net annual savings of Rs 16/- to the Forest Deptt, under these circumstances, that officer recommends that the temple authorities may be permitted either to utilize the minor Forest produce of the jungle for the benefit of the temples or a lumpsum amount be fixed for payment to the temples every year by the Forest Deptt.

As the construction of the steps is essential and as the petitioner is willing to contribute 1/4th of the cost required for the work, the Dy. Commr is of opinion that the matter of the payment of the balance by the government be favorably considered. If approved, he states that an estimate will be submitted.

AV 18:12:04. Submitted for orders.

The points for orders are: —

(1) To take over under Govt management, the temples in question.

(2) To raise the Tasdik grant of Rs 3-4-5 to Rs 10

(3) To permit the temples utilizing the ~~[illegible]~~ Forest produce

(4) To sanction a grant from Govt

Submitted on

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Under the orders of the Secretary, the Survey and Settlement Commr. and Supdt of Inam Settlements were requested to inform

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No. 761 of 8th August 1905 whether the jungle on the Garudangiri Hill was surveyed and settled and if so, whether the question of the enjoyment of the produce thereof by the Siva and Kishnu temples thereon was brought forward.

30/1147 O He states in reply, that the jungle in question has been surveyed and settled; but that nothing was brought forward at the settlement about the enjoyment by the temples of the produce thereof

Submitted.

May the Forest Conservator be consulted on the subject of utilizing the Forest Produce for the benefit of the temple?

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Yes. The facts of the case should be explained in our letter.

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The Forest Conservator was accordingly consulted in the matter of utilizing the forest produce for the benefit of the temples and that officer reports that the claims of the temples on the Garudanagiri Hill will be placed before the Forest Settlement officer his decision at the time of the Settlement of the Garudanagiri Forest, in respect of which proposals for reservation are about to be submitted to Govt.

vide letter no. 4528/2678 of 12th Decr. 1905.

Submitted for orders on the four points noted on page 6.

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Muzrai Secretary's Remarks:-

There are four points urged in the petition:-

That the temples be taken over under Government management.

ii) That the present Tasdik of

per mensem be raised to Rs. 10/-

iii) That the right of the temples be recognized to the forest produce on the Garadangiri Hill.

& iv) That a grant may be sanctioned from Government to construct a flight of steps to the top of the hill.

As regards the first point I beg to state that the temples are already Muzrai Institutions, being endowed with cash and land Inams. All that has to be done now is to ask the Amildar to include these Institutions in the monthly Muzrai Returns.

As regards the second point, I am of opinion that the present Tasdik cannot be increased as there are numerous Institutions of the kind in the State.

With reference to the third point the Deputy Commissioner may be requested to arrange to bring up the temples' claim before the Forest

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Settlement Officer, as suggested by the Conservator.

As regards the fourth point I am of humble opinion that the work of constructing a flight of steps to the top of the hill is a gigantic one and some help from Government is necessary. But this point may be considered when the devotees interested come forward with liberal contributions amounting to not less than half the estimated cost.

If approved the petitioner will be informed in terms of the above remarks which will also be communicated to the Deputy Commissioner.

A draft Order is submitted for approval.

Submitted to the Dewan
thro' the 2nd Councillor.

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Draft may be approved.

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Note contd

Orders were accordingly issued in Govt. Ors of the 13th Feby. 1906 and the substance thereof was communicated to the petitioner, in endorsement no. 3315 of the same date.

22 April 06 Valuveriah has again petitioned this office complaining that orders of Govt. on the following points mentioned in his original petitions were not conveyed to him. He states that they are. —

1) Grant of rice allowance from the Chattiram at Banavar for the up-keep of the temples; and

2) Appointment of specified Dharmadarsis to supervise the working of the institns. He solicits express orders of Govt on these points.

He further prays for a reconsideration of Govt. order declining to grant Jardik towards the pay of the necessary establishment.

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The petition addressed to this office by Vasudeviah was referred to the Deputy Commissioner of the Hassan District and that officer has submitted his report on the two points involved therein. As for the rice allowance from the Anna Chattram at Banavar, the Dy. Commissioner recommends that 1½ Seer of rice with condiments may be given per day from the savings of the said Chattram to the Sri Sankareswaraswamy on the Garudangiri Hills; and as regards the appointment of Dharmadarsis to supervise the working of the institutions, he concurs with the Amildar of the Arsikere Taluk in recommending that the 5 persons nominated as Dharmadarsis by the petitioner seem to be quite suitable for the purpose. The Dy. Commr. further reports that he has addressed the Forest Settlement Officer

Vide Letter no. 998/S of 22d May 1906) Slip A. E

(Vide no. 1060/S of 2d June 06) Slip ~~A~~ F

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to settle the Temples' claim to the forest produce on the Gundanguri Hills. Needful repairs are reported to have been executed to the temples in question.

Vasudeviah has memorialized H H the Maharaja on the subject and H H has been graciously pleased to call for the submission of the papers in the case. The several points urged in the memorial are similar to those contained in his peti to this office. One of the points on which the memorialist lays stress is the enhancement of tasdik to Rs 10/- in co ation of the improvements effected to the extent of Rs 10,000/- by means of subscriptions alone. He represents that similar concessions have been recently shown to 4 temples in Bangalore and 3 in Nanjangud.

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Muzrai Secretary's remarks:-

As directed in the Private Secretary's Official Memorandum No. 2826 dated 8th June 1906, I beg to submit the File of papers on the subject.

It will be seen from the preceding pages of this Office-Note that the petitioner's representations were all duly considered, and my humble remarks were submitted in pages 8,9 &10 of the Note Orders were issued with the approval of the late 2nd Councillor and the late Dewan in Pre. No. 3313-4 dated 13th February 1906, and communicated to the petitioner.

It is quite true that the petitioner has been very enthusiastic in effecting repairs and improvements to the old temples on the Garudamgiri Hills and has devoted much time and labour to the work, besides collecting and utilizing for the purpose large sums of money from private contributions. His prayer therefore, for a cash grant of Rs. 10 per mensem (in addition to the existing

mall Tasdik of Rs. 3-4-5 per mensem) seems to eserve very favourable consideration.

On page 9 of this Note, I expressed my umble opinion that "the present Tasdik cannot be increased as there are numerous institutions of the kind in the State". Considering, however,, the very great improvements effected by the petitioner and the formation of a flight of steps to the top of the Hill (a very costly work), I venture to submit that the additional grant, applied for, is not undeserved.

The petitioner asks for 1½ seers of rice per diem for these Institutions from the Ahna Chat ram at Banawar. The diversion of Chattram allowances to temples etc, interfere seriously with the feeding of the travelling public and has not been allo - ed during the past few years. This prayer of the petitioner cannot therefore be complied with.

His Highness has called for the submission

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of the papers in this case.

Submitted to the Dewan
thro' the 2nd Councillor

Ananta Sam Rao
16/6/06

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19-6-06.

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I am not in favor of granting a rice allowance at the expense of the Anna Chatram at Banawar. This will seriously inconvenience the travelling public

The Dharmadarsis approved by the Dy Commr may be appointed

The additional tasdik of Rs 10 recommended by the Muzrai Secretary may be sanctioned if the finances admit of it

This is a matter for the Dewan's Consideration

K.P. Vittannaghelli
2d Councillor

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Submitted to His Highness.

The file of papers connected with the memorial of Vasudevia of Garudanagiri, Arsikere Taluk, regarding the temples on the Garudanagiri hill, is submitted as called for in Private Secretary's memo No.2826, dated 8th June 1906.

The petitioner's request for an increased tasdik was refused in Government Proceedings 3313-4, dated 13th February 1906. Subsequently the memorialist has presented a petition (4228, dated 2nd April 1906) praying inter alia for a reconsideration of the above order. Both the Muzrai Secretary and the Second Councillor recommend the prayer in consideration of the improvements effected by the petitioner, and I would therefore support the recommendation. An additional tasdik of Rs10 may be sanctioned with effect from 1st July 1906.

The other requests of the memorialist about the appointment of Dharmadarsis and the grant of a rice allowance from the Chattram at

Banawar, on which Government have not yet passe-
ed orders, will be dealt with in due course when
the file is returned after perusal.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders
of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

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Memorial of Vasudevia of Garudangiri, Arsikere Taluk, regarding the grant of increased tardik &c to the temples on the Garudangiri Hill.

Order.

Sanctioned
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Dewan's order
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Draft accepted
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1904—1905

The Secretary to the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzr: Dep.

To The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District

Dated 12th November

Despatched October 1904.

Received

General No. 1670
Muzrai F. No. 31-07

Enclosure (2)

Has the honor to forward herewith a petition Regd No 1342 dated 22nd September 1904 from Vasudevaiah of Garudagiri in the Arakere Taluk.

2. The petitioner states that he has ~~been~~ undertaken to execute certain repairs to the Sri Chandramauleswara temple on the Garudagiri Hill aggregating Rs 1200 & that he would collect contributions amounting to Rs 300 and prays that the balance of

Rs 900 may be paid to him

Govt. The petitioner also states that he would execute repairs according to any plan that may be ordered to be prepared by a Competent Engineer and would meet one-fourth of the Estimated Cost and encloses certificates from certain gentlemen regarding the necessity of the works he has undertaken.

3. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to report upon the petitioner's request and to submit also the report already called for in this Office memo: No. 1287 dated 1st October 1904.

By order

Dft 11/11/04

Secretary

no. 1671
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1904—1905

FROM The Secretary to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzr: Deptt.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore Genl. & Rev. Deptt., Bangalore.

Dated 1/12/04.

Despatched November 1904.

Received

General No. 1938

Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure one

Has the honor to forward herewith for disposal a petn. Regd. No. 1216 dated 24th September 1904 from Vasudevanja, a of the Sri Sankareswaraswamy and other temples at Garudangiri in the Arsikere Taluk praying for the restoration to one of the temples certain Brahmadaya land ~~sold~~ granted for certain service ~~and~~ but now ~~sold~~ enjoyed by some non brahmins ~~on payment~~

By order

Dft. 29/11

Secretary

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FROM P. R. W. Netherall Esqr
Offg Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To L. Anantasami Rao Esqr B.A.
Secretary to the Govt of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Murray Department
Bangalore

Dated 5th } December 1904
Despatched 7th }

Received

General No. 3[illegible]
No. [illegible]

Enclosure No. V. Papers

Submitting a report on the petition of Patel, Vasudevaiya of Garuda=nagiri re the taking over the Siva and Vishnu temples on the Garuda=nagiri Hill under Govt management &c

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Deputy Commissioner's Office
Hassan District
Dated 3rd December 1904

From. P. R. W. Wetherall Esquire
Offg Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District.

To. L. Anantasamy Rao Esquire B.A.
Secretary to the Govt of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Muzrai Department
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your Official memorandum No. 1602 dated 11th April 1902, forwarding for enquiry and report a petition from Patel Vasudevaiya of Garudangiri, Arsikere Taluk, stating that the Siva and Vishnu temples on the top of Garud Hill in the Arsikere Taluk be taken over under Muzrai

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management, I have the honor to state that, as alleged in the petition, Patel Vasu devaiya has taken a good deal of trouble restoring the temples referred to. The temple buildings which were dilapidated owing to neglect have been repaired. A new car has been got ready and the car festival is being held regularly every year. A tiled house for storing car materials, vessels &c, belonging to the temple and for the accommodation of visitors has been purchased as also some vessels for cooking purposes and two lands which have been made over to the temple from the produce whereof the pooja expenses are met. At the end of October 1904, there was a sum 959-13-1 deposited in the Savings

Savings Bank of Arsikere Taluk Treasury in the name of the Deity.

2. All this has been done out of funds, collected by private subscriptions. The petitioner has been taking much interest in the matter and is still raising subscriptions. From the several certificates attached to the petition and subsequently received, it will be seen that the temple is kept in a very good condition.

3. A monthly grant of Rs 3-4 is being paid by Government to the temple which is very insufficient to meet the absolutely necessary expenditure. The lands which had been given as Inam years ago are said to have been resumed to Government.

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The petitioner prays that the monthly grant of Rs 3-4- may be raised to Rs 10/-. Since with the present grant the worship cannot be satisfactorily performed, I beg to recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be favourably considered, the grant being raised accordingly and the institution taken over under Government management.

4. The petitioner further prays that the minor forest produce from the Sarudanagiri hill may be allowed to be collected for the benefit of the temples as was being done formerly. From enquiry it is learnt that the produce of the jungle there has been collected by the Forest Department since 1897. It is under contemplation in the

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Forest Department to notify the jungle as a State Forest. From the District Forest Officer's Yadi No. 10 Dated 23rd August '02 it will be observed that the jungle yields an annual income of Rs 100/- and that a Forest Guard on Rs 7/- per mensem is appointed to watch it. Thus it will be seen that there is only a nett savings of Rs 16/- per annum to the Forest Department from this jungle. In these circumstances the temple authorities may be permitted to utilise the minor forest pro=duce of this jungle for the benefit of the temples. Even if the jungle is converted into a State Forest the hill may be notified as a private right. If that is consi=dered undesirable a lumpsum

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amount may be fixed for pay=ment to the temples every year by the Forest Department.

5. The petitioner's further prayer is that a convenient path with proper steps be provided from the bottom to the top of the hill. The several officers who have visited the hill have certified to the urgent necessity for the same. The petitioner states that he is willing to contribute one-fourth of the cost required for the work and that the balance may be paid by Government. Since provision for steps is very essential I beg that the same be favourably considered. If approved, an Estimate for the work will be submitted.

6 Vernacular papers ending

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with Hrsikere Tahill Amildar's report no 51 dated 17th November 1903 are herewith submitted.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]

Offg Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

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FROM The Secretary
Muz. Dep-tt

To
The Survey & Settlement
Commn in Mysore.

Dated 7th

Despatched March 1905.

Received

General No. 3321
Muzrai F. No. 31-1901

Enclosure one

In forwarding herewith an extract of Para 4 of Letter No: 379 dy 5th Decr 1904, from the Dy. Commn, Hassan Distt requesting sanction to utilize the minor forest produce of the jungle on the Garudanagiri Hill in the Arsikere Taluk for the benefit of the Siva and Vishnu temples thereon, has the honor to request to be informed whether the jungle in question has been surveyed & settled

and if so, whether the question of the enjoyment of the produce thereof by the Temples was brought forward at the time of the Settlement and how ~~it~~ the claim was then adjudged.

2) The records, if any, relating thereto may be kindly forwarded to this Office for reference.

By order,

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Secretary.

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No. 3322 & 7.3.05.
Copy of the above, to the Supdt. of Main Settlements in Mysore.

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V. Please continue the office note
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No. 31] MYS REVENUE SURVEY

1905

From Col J. P Grant
Survey Commissioner
in Mysore.

To L. Anantasami Rao Esqr
Secretary to Govt.
Muzrai Department.

Dated

Despached 6th September 1905

Received

General No. 30
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Enclosure No.

His No 3321/31-1901 dated 7th March 1905 and reminder No 761/31-1901 dated 8th August 1905 requesting to inform whether the Jungle on the Garudangere Hill in the Arsikere Taluk, has been surveyed and settled and if so, whether the question of the enjoyment of the produce thereof by the Siva and Vishnu temples at the said place was

brought

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brought forward at the time of the settlement and how the claim was then adjusted &c.

With reference to the above has the honor to state that nothing was brought forward at the settlement about the enjoyment by the temples of the produce of Survey Nos 53, 67 and 54 which seem to be those concerned. Survey No 53 of 364 acres and Survey No 67 of 528 acres - 31 guntas were both given as free grazing. Survey No 54 of 3a - 11g was disposed of to be sold by auction as grazing annually.

D Grant
Survey and Settlement
Commissioner in Mysore.

Dft as per Secretary's order

No. 1607/D/25.9.05.

To,

The Conservator of Forests,
in Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to state that there are temples on the Garudangiri Hill in the Arsikere Taluk dedicated to Siva and Vishnu which are endowed with cash grants and as such are Muzrai instns. One Vasudavayya Agent of the temples has been petitioning H. H. the Maharaja urging that the forest produce from the Garudangiri Hill may be collected for the benefit of the temples as was being done formerly. An extract of a Sirup granted by the Nawab Hyder Ali, & which was received with the Dy. Commrs. report on the Subject, goes to show that Inam lands to the value of 12 Varahas had been assigned as Sarvamanya to the Sri Anjaneyaswamy temple for conducting

certain Services. On the 11th May 1900, certain aged residents of the village deposed before the Amildar to the effect that some 50 years ago, they had seen the produce of the tamarind trees which alone then grew on the Hill being delivered to the temple. The Dy Comnr. reports that he is given to understand that the forest produce is being collected by the Forest Deptt since 1897 and that deducting the pay of the Forest guard viz Rs 84/ from the annual income of Rs 100/ derived from the jungle, there is a net saving of only Rs 16/ to the Forest Deptt and he recommends that the temple authorities may be permitted either to utilize the minor forest produce of the jungle for the benefit of the instns. or a lumpsum amount be fixed for payment to the temples every year by the Forest Deptt. He also

even if the jungle is converted into a state Forest the Hill may be notified as ~~a private~~ belonging to the temple ~~right~~. The question of the enjoyment of the Forest produce by the temples was not brought forward at the time of the Settlement and adjudicated upon.

I am directed to request that you will be good enough to favor Govt. with your views as to whether ~~there exists any~~ there is any objection to ~~the~~ ~~ado~~ adopt ~~one or the other~~ either of the Suggestions made by the Dy. commr.

The favor of an early reply is requested.

~~Bypassed~~.
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Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,

No. 4528.

Dated Bangalore, 12th December 190

Enclosures one.

From

MYSORE GOVERNMENT
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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

RAI BAHADUR M. MUTHANNAH, ESQ.,

Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

L. Anantaswami Rao Esquire B.A.
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzrai Department

SIR,

In continuation of this office No 3679 dated the 13th November 1905 and with reference to your letter No 1605 dated the 25th September last, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of docket No 140 dated the 2nd November 1905 from the District Forest Officer, Hassan, reporting that the claims of the temples on the Garudana-giri Hill in the Arsikere Taluk will be placed before the Forest Settlement officer for his decision at the time of the settlement of the Garudana-giri Forest, in respect of which proposals for reservation are about to be submitted

to

to Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Conservator of Forests in

Mysore

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Copy of Docket No 140 dated the 2nd November 1905 from the District Forest Officer, Hassan (thro' the Deputy Commissioner) to the Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

With reference to his No 2918 dated 4th October 1905 calling for report on the claims preferred by the Agent of the temples on the Garudanagiri Hill, has the honour to state that the Garudangiri block has been proposed to be made a State Forest and notified accordingly under Section 4 of the Forest Regulation and the claims on behalf of the temple will be placed for disposal before the Settlement Officer at the time of Settlement.

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Conservator of Forests.

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Read :-

(i) Petition addressed to His Highness the Maharaja by Vasudeviah, Patel of the Garudanagiri Village in the Arsikere Taluk

(ii) Letter no 379 dated 7th Dec: 1904 from the Dy Comr Hassan District, reporting on the above

(iii) Correspondence ending with letter no 4528 dated 12th December 1905 from the Conservator of Forests in Mysore -

Order :- 3313-4 D/13.2.06.

Enc. one file.

There are four points urged in the petition :-

(i) that the temples see Sankareswaraswami, see Anjaneyaswami and see Chendra Mowleswaraswami on the Garudanagiri hill be taken over under Government

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(ii) that the present Jasdik of Rs 3-4-0 per mensem be raised to Rs 10

(iii) that the right of the temples be recognised to the Forest produce on the Gandamagiri hill & (iv) that a grant may be sanctioned from to construct a flight of to the top of the hill.

2. As regards the first point, the Govt observe that the temples are already Institutions, being endowed cash and land Inams. All that has to be done now is to include these Institutions in monthly Muzrai Returns. Dy Comr is requested to

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issue orders to the Amildar accordingly.

3. As regards the second point, the Government regret that the present Tasdik cannot be increased.

4 With ~~regard~~ reference to the third point, the Dy Commr is requested to arrange to bring up the temples' claim before the Forest Settlement Officer, as suggested by the Conservator of Forests.

5 Referring to the fourth and last point, the Govt observe that the work of constructing a flight of steps to the top of the hill is probably one involving much cost. ~~is no doubt a gigantic cost and some help from Govt is necessary.~~ ~~But~~ The question as to how far ~~the~~ Govt aid may be given for this work will be

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Considered, when the devotees interested in the Institutions come forward with liberal contributions for the purpose.
~~amounting to not less than half the estimated cost.~~

Dept.

Secretary to Govt.
Muzrai Dept.

To
The Dy Commr, Hassan District,
returning the Ver: records.
The Conservator of Forests in Mysore

No. 3315 Endorsement to petitioner

No. 3315-A/13.2.
2.3.07

మృగుంరు శ్రీ మాన్ మాడాంబరవ
రగవర్ధమేంటమాబరాయిగ్గ
లాబీయింద

ఆరశికేరిశిల్లాంకు గరుతనగిరిలుల్లి
యిరువవటేలవాసు దేవ్యోన్నవరిశి

నీవు గరుతనగిరిలుల్లి రువశంకరే
శ్రీరస్తామముంకాంద దేవసిద్ధి నగళరికేరి
వస్తేరివిఖలువాగి శ్రీ మాన్ మాడాంబరా
బాసాండేశ్వర దద్దరవరసన్నిధానక్కే
బాడ్రార్థికేమాంత అర్జమక్కు యిం వి
ఖలువాగి డాసనతుల్కేకురవరింద
శందరికార్తనడవరాంబరిసలాయి
కేలు —

వ్రస్తావదల్లిరువ దేవసిద్ధి నగళిగి
మాబరాయిసగదుకనదికేలుయిరు
వకార్యాన్నారదమాబరాయిమిం

రభ్రోక్షురులాంగిం ఉత్తరులు రువదనాం
దనాంగ్రత్తా దిగళిందనతీలుకత్తా నీరాంశాలం
కాంగ్రెస్సు సర్కారదలిపిదల్లి చాంపల్లాతు
త్తాగరకత్తా విభాంరదల్లి కాల్లాంకిగి ఆతర్
క్కేకబేకాంకలు.

డాలిలు రకత్తా కనదీకిగాంకలాంభా
గ్నిమాంతువదక్కే నాంద్యవిల్లవాంకలు.

బేట్టదమ్మాలిరు పాంకిస్తు బెంగలి
ద్రోవనిద్దినగళ డక్కుగ్నా కురికు
విశాలవాంగి. పాంకిస్తు నేటలమాంటఆవాలన
రవరవివస్త్రిగేకరబేకాంకలు

బేట్టక్కే బనగళు డక్కువదక్కాగి కట్టు
బేకాందమట్టలు విషలుదల్లి. బక్తాదిగ
కక్షి
ళాంద ద్రవ్యనడాలుమాంతికేంం
తుకంకరకిళిసిదల్లి. ఉత్తాంద
నడాలువక్షమాంతలాందీకాంకనడ
గవర్నమాంటనిందకిర్మానవాంగిఆగ్నే
డాననతీత్కేకురవరిగేలలాండిదా
ంబల్లాందగరిగిలుద్రేకిళిలువదు

By order

28/2/06

Secretary to Govt
Murrai

26/2/06

1905-06

From

To The Dy commr of the Hassan Distt

Dated 4th
Despatched 10 } May 1906
Received

General No. 5158
No.

Enclosure No. One

Adverting to Govt. Pro No 3313-6 Dy the 13th Feby. 1906 passing orders regarding the temples on the Garudanagiri Hill in the Arsikere taluk, has the honor to forward herewith for ~~enquiry and~~ disposal or report if necessary petition regd. no. 4228 Dy the 2d April 1906 from Vasudeviah praying for the grant of rice allowance from the Banavar chattram for the up-keep of the temples and ~~also~~ for the appointment

of Wharmadarses to super
vise the working of the instns

By order,

DOD

Secretary

4/5/06

Endt. to the petr.

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25/5/06

S Amir Hassan Esq
In Chg Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To
L. Anantasami Rao Esq BA
Secy to the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja
Gunjoor Dr Nagrai Deptt, Bangalore

Dated 22nd May 1906

Despatched 25th

Received

General No 998
No S

Enclosure No. [illegible]

Recommending the grant of 1½ seers price with condiments to the Sri Sankareswaraswami temple from the Banavar Annachatra...

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May sanction be accorded

The Dy Commr's recommendation the Amildar reports that savings are available at the credit of the Banavar chattram this subject appears to have been before Govt

[illegible] 28/5/06

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Hassan District
Dated 22nd May 1906

From

S. Amir Hassan Esq
In Ch Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To

L. Anantasami Rao Esq B.A.
Secretary to the Government of
HH the Maharaja of Mysore
Inam Department
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith in original vernacular correspondence ending with General Assistant Commissioner's Canarese Tyadi No $\frac{1031}{375}$ dated 15th December 1905 enclosing Arsikere Amildar's report No $\frac{21}{663}$

of the 15th idem, recommending that 1½ seer of rice with Condiments per day may be given from the savings of the Basavan Anna Chatram as offerings to the Sri Sankareswaraswami Temple on the Gundanjuri Hills.

I request that you will be so good as to obtain sanction of Government to the same.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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In Ch. Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

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Vasudevaiah
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To the Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

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Ishwara Murthy

MYSORE GOVERNMENT
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మైసూరు రాష్ట్రానదము ఆశ్రయించిన

Sukuto.

the petn states that Govt. suggestn on certain points mentioned in his former petition were not answered in G.O. dt. 15.2.06 issued to him. May the office note he contd.

2/4/06.

(1) ఈ కరుతనవిందీనపత్రానళ్ళి కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఎందూ తిళిదిరువుదిల్ల. ఆదరే ఆ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు మత్తు ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఒందే ఎంబుదు తిళియబేకు. - - - - - - - - -

(2). కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళన్నాధరిసువుదేనెంబుదు. కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళన్నాధరిసువుదిల్ల. కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు మత్తు ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఒందే ఎంబుదు తిళియబేకు. కరుతనవిందీనపత్రద కొనెయ భాగదల్లి కేళిద కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు మత్తు ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఒందే ఎంబుదు తిళియుత్తదే. ఆదుదరింద ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు మత్తు ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఒందే ఎంబుదు తిళియబేకాగిరువుదు. - - - - - - - -

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ఈ విషయవన్ను గమనిసిద నంతర మైసూరు రాష్ట్రద కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు మత్తు ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఒందే ఎంబుదు తిళియదే ఇరువుదరింద ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు మత్తు ఈ కేళ్ళిద్దాంశగళు ఒందే ఎంబుదు తిళియబేకాగిరువుదు - - - - - -

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(3). కర్నాటక రాజ్యద మంత్రిగళు మత్తు ఇతర సదస్యరు మత్తు సర్కారద అధికారిగళు మత్తు ఇతర జనరు ఈ విషయదల్లి తమ్మ అభిప్రాయగళు ఏను ఎంబుదు తిళియదు. ఆదరే ఈ విషయదల్లి తమ్మ అభిప్రాయవన్ను తిళిసువుదు మత్తు ఆ మూలక మైసూరు రాష్ట్రద జనరిగే తమ్మ అభిప్రాయవన్ను తిళిసువుదు మత్తు తమ్మ సూచనెయన్ను నీడువుదు ఎంబుదు నమ్మ అభిప్రాయవాగిదె. దయవిట్టు నీవు ఈ విషయవన్ను పరిశీలిసి తక్కదాద క్రమవన్ను కైగొళ్ళబేకెంబుదు నమ్మ వినయద మనవి.

మీ విధేయరు

యూరియింద. అరశిఁకేరిరాల్లోకు అమల్బాత్రికి అప్పనే
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రార్సుమూల్ల ([illegible]). కుర్యూం అప్పనే యూరు
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From P. R. W. Wetherall Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To L Anantasami Rao Esquire B.A.
Secretary to the Government
of Mysore. Muzarai Deptt.

Dated 2nd
Despatched 7th June 1906.
Received

General No. 1061
No. 5

Enclosure No. 1

With reference to the Secretary's Docket no 5158 of the 4/10th May 1906, forwarding for disposal, or report if necessary, petition from Vasudevayya praying for the grant of rice allowance from the Banawar Chatram for the up-keep of the Temples &ca has the honor to invite Secretary's kind reference to this office Communications marginally noted on the subject.

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The enclosure received

with

with the above is herewith returned.

Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

From

To
The Dy Commr
of the Hassan Distt

Dated

Despatched 5. 6. 00

Received

General No. ~~5353~~ . 5653 .
No.

Enclosure No.

Referring to his letter no. 998/S Dy 22nd May 1906 recommending the grant of some rice allowance to the Sri Sankareswara swamy temple on the Garudanagiri Hills, has the honor to request that the report, relating to the appointment of Dharmadarsis to supervise the working of the institns. already called for in this office no. 5158 Dy 10th May 1906

May kindly be expedited.

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Secretary.

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Defrs please
by 4/6/06

1905-06

From
P. R. W. Wetherall Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To
L. Anantasami Rao Esq B.A.
Secy to the Govt of H.H. the Maharajah of
Mysore, Jamrai Dept, Bangalore

Dated 2nd
Despatched 7th June 1906

Received

General No. 1060
No. 5

Enclosure No. 1 file

Submitting report on the petition of Vasudevaniya in the matter of repairs &c to the temples on the Gaundangiri Hills, Arsikere Taluk.

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Hassan District
Dated June 1902

From
B. R. W. Wetherall Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To
L. Ananta Rao Esq B.A.
Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Munzrai Department
Bangalore

Sir,

In submitting herewith for favour of orders correspondence ending with General Assistant Commissioner's Tadi No $\frac{1166}{403}$ dated 20th January 1902 enclosing the petition from Vasudevaiya of Gundangiri, Arsikere Taluk, submitting an application addressed to you in the matter of the repair of the temples on the Gundangiri Hills and for the appointment of certain persons as Dharmadarsis for the management of the said temples &c, I have the honour to report that needful repairs are reported to have been duly executed to

the

the temples in question.

2. In regards to the raising of the Dasdik amount of Rs 3-4-0 per mensem to Rs 10 I beg to invite your kind attention to Government Proceedings No 3313 dated 13th February 1906 directing that the present Dasdik amount cannot be increased.

3. A separate reference has been made to you in my No $\frac{998}{5}$ dated $\frac{22nd}{25th}$ ultimo recommending the grant from Banavar Chatram of 1½ seers of rice with the usual condiments for the benefit of the temples.

4. As regards the grant of the benefits accruing from those portions of the Hill I beg to state that the Forest Settlement Officer has already been addressed to have the matter settled about the question of the boundaries of the Hill and the Auildar has been directed to furnish the settlement officer the required particulars on the subject.

5. With regard to the appointment of the men proposed as Dharmadarsis

for the management of the temple, contained in para 5 of the petition, the Amildar recommends that they seem to be quite suitable for the purpose and I agree with him.

6. I beg to submit for such orders as Government may deem fit to pass the other prayers of the petitioner Vasudevaiya referred in the latter part of the petition under reference.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

For Deputy Commr
Hassan District

అరశిఃకిశిశాల్లోకుకఫ్రీఃరిగి

గరుతననిరిదీఃవన్నాధనగళ ఎబంఎ్దారన అరిశి - -

ఇదరమోతనినానుదాబర్రాతిరువ అఖిమెత్తున

ఫ్రీకిఃఎ్ప్రాధ్యనాపత్రికా నదానన్నిధానదశిఫార్సినొం

నారన్నింపిగికళుదినికొంతోంణవాగబీఃకాని అరిశి

31-12-1905

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Respectfully submitted for favourable consideration

1 The works referred to in para 1 have all been carried out.

2. The men proposed to be Darmadarsis for the management of the temple in para 5, seem to be quite suitable for the purpose

3. The prayers of the petitioner in the latter part of para 5 may be considered, & sanctioned to the extent that may be found suitable for the purpose -

Banavar
27 Jan - 1906

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Amildar - Arsikere -

Forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner District, for consideration and

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Asstt Commr

MYSORE GOVERNMENT
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1905-06

From
P. R. W. Wetherall Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To
L. Anantasami Rao Esq B.A.
Secy to the Govt of HH the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzrai Dept, Bangalore

Dated 11th
Despatched 12th June 1906

Received

General No. 1080
No. S

Enclosure No.

Please reg. & submit to Camp.
13/6/06

Filed in continuation
15/6/06

With reference to the Muzrai Secretary's docket No 5653 dated 5th instant calling for report anent the appointment of Dharmadarsis to supervise the working of the Sri Sankaresvaraswami temple at Garudangiri Hills, Arsikere Taluk, has the honour to invite Secretary's kind attention to this office letter No 1060/S dated 2nd/7th instant reporting on the subject.

E Dharmaraj Chetty

For Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

(V)

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
Mysore, 8-6-1906

No. 2826/1

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Refces early please
9-6-06

A.V. please continue the
office note + submit early
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Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja,

transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja

of Mysore, in the Imagai Department, Bangalore, for Submission of

papers in the case.

No. 1717 of 05-06.

By Order,

Mahadevmax
for Private Secretary
to H. H. The Maharajah of Mysore.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
1717
7 - JUN 1906
TO H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

To,

His Highness Sri Krishna Raja Woddyar Bahadur
Maharaja of Mysore.

May it please your Highness

I, the undersigned Vasudevaiya of Garudanagiri most respectfully beg to approach your Highness with the following lines and to humbly request that your Highness' best consideration may be bestowed upon the same and my prayer granted.

PS
7.6.06

Garudanagiri, a village in the Arsikere Taluk was once an important place and the resort of the former rulers on account of its excellent climate. There is a hill attached to the place with 4 temples on it which contain no less than 10 gods. The place is a nice camping ground for officers and a good Shikari camp. The Hill commands charming and picturesque scenery all around and the weather at the top of the hill is always very pleasant and cool.

The ancient and venerated temples on the Hill of Sankara Chandra Maulleswara &c were for a long time in a neglect-ed condition. I have been able to get them repaired and restored to their former condition by collecting subscriptions to the extent of about 10000/- Rupees and seeking help and cooperation from official superiors and charitable gentlemen. A path y from the foot to the top of the Hill having been found

[illegible] to facilitate going up the Hill, that has also been [illegible] by means of funds collected with the great-[illegible] liberality.

For the upkeep of the temple establishment & and the conduct of the services therein grant of free lands had been made by the former rulers. But the temples having been gradually deprived of these, the grant has dwindled to Rs. 3-4-0 per mensem. This small amount being disproportionately insufficient to meet the temple expenses promises of yearly subscriptions were procured for the maintenance of the temple and the performance of daily services, & the periodical special services which have been conducted regularly and properly under my careful supervision. So far my attempts to improve the temples and to give permanency to the services were successful.

But the promised yearly subscriptions not coming in the regularity, this has led to difficulties in carrying on the temple services which have to be abandoned for lack of funds. So with the view of placing the temples and the services connected with them on a permanent footing, I once already approached your Highness with an application praying:—

(1) that the Hill forests should be ceded as temple property thus leaving the produce to the benefit of temples.

(2) that Government should aid in the construction of the steps (which had not been effected then) to give facility to the large number of devotees to go up the Hill to the temple

(3) that the annual cash grant of Rs. [illegible] may be increased by Rs. 10/- so that the daily and periodical services may be conducted perpetually.

This application having been referred by your Highness to the Secretary to Government in the Hum[illegible] Department, I have been favoured with an endorsement from that office in their No. 3315 dated 13th February 1936 to the effect

(1) that the question of [illegible] the Hill Forests [illegible] referred to the Forest Settlement Officer

(2) that Government will contribute a quota of expenditure towards the construction of steps to the Hill if the [illegible] amount be raised by subscriptions and the Government [illegible] of the [illegible]; and

(3) that it is not possible to increase the [illegible].

Under the circumstances represented above [illegible] has to submit to your Highness that the [illegible] services cannot be carried on without the additional [illegible] of Rs. 10/- prayed for and that there is consequence [illegible] to be [illegible], to the futility of my 1 hours (in raising subscriptions and in getting the temples restored) extending over 10 or 12 years. [illegible] plore your Highness' generosity, and [illegible] the additional grant of Rs. 10/- may be kindly sanctioned in view of the following facts:-

(1) that the construction of the steps to the Hill [illegible] ernment has promised some contribution has [illegible] effected.

by means of public subscriptions alone and that as a result of this there has been a saving to Government;

(2) that the revival of the temples has been effected solely by means of subscriptions without Government aid though usually in such cases half the expenses is granted by Government.

(3) that the inam lands granted to the temples by former rulers have been resumed long ago for reasons unknown

and (4) that new tasdiks similar to the one prayed for have been granted recently to 4 temples in Bangalore and 3 in Narjangud.

I most sincerely and earnestly beg that your Highness may be pleased to direct that the additional grant of Rs. 10/- be sanctioned to the temples and I anxiously await your Highness' orders in the matter.

Herein are enclosed for your Highness perusal all records connected with the restoration of the temples and the testimonials of officers both Native and European as regards my labours and the progress of the undertaking. These testimonials clearly set forth the object and scope of the work.

I humbly beg to subscribe myself

Your Higness' most obedient and humble subjec

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COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

The efforts of Vasudevayya and those associated with him in restoring the ancient and venetated temples on the Garudanagiri Hills are laudable. Their method of work is business-like and contains a guarantee for the due fulfilment of their object. I hope they will succeed in their endeavour.

(Sd.) A. KRISHNASWAMI IYENGAR,
Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

CAMP GARUDANAGIRI,
Dated 27th November 1895.

This morning when I was passing through Garudanagiri to join my camp at Panchanahalli, I took the opportunity of visiting the temples on the hills. The Sankareswara temple and the Basuvanagudi opposite to it have been restored. The store room is repaired. The Nonabeswara and Sadhulingeswara deities which are placed in one place under a rock are also well looked after. The place is enclosed by a substantial wall and a strong doorway provided. The Anjaneya temple is the only place not restored yet, but I found materials collected at site. I hope in course of time that will be taken up and completed soon under the able supervision of Mr. Vasudevaiya, who I understand is taking great pains to bring the [illegible] an efficient condition. There is a pujari on Rs. 4 now employed. Befor an [illegible] provement is effected, it should be well arranged that worship is steadily carried out and sufficient means provided to tempt the pujari to continue on in service.

(Sd.) T. SUNDRARAJIYENGAR,
Amildar, Kadur.

Dated 16/11/96.

I have this day had the pleasure of witnessing the good work done by Patel Vasudevaiya. The restoration of the temples of Shankareswara and Anjaneya is complete. The temple of Nonabeswara and Sadhulingeswara has been repaired as also the temple at the foot of the hill where the procession deity of Shankareswara is kept. The worship in all these temples is regularly and properly performed and I understand that it is carefully supervised by Vasudevaiya. All this is highly creditable to Vasudevaiya and I think the members of the community who are interested in the up keep of these temples ought to be highly grateful to him. He is anxious to collect funds with a view to place the periodical special services in the temples and the annual car festival on a permanent footing and I trust he will get that support which he deserves in accomplishing the object in view.

In conclusion I cannot help drawing his attention to the necessity of providing convenient path from the foot to the top of the hill. At present no defined pathway exists, the consequence being that people have to find their own way amidst

thorns and sharp edged stones causing no small pain and annoyance. Unless a good path is laid out and properly maintained I am afraid the good work done by Vasudevaiya on the top of Garudanagiri is not likely to merit that appreciation which it would otherwise enjoy.

CAMP GARUDANAGIRI, 26th May 1899. (Sd.) P. NANJUNDA NAIDU, *Asstt. Suptt. of Police, Hassan Dist.*

I cannot too highly commend to the notice of the public the unselfish and oltruistic of Mr. Vasudevaiya in restoring the ancient temples on the Garudanagiri Hill, Arsikere Taluk. The Shankara, Yoga Narasimha and Narayanaswamy temples from a trikuta ( ) on the very top of the Hill. Anjaneya temple is near the trikuta but a little below. The Chendra Mouleswara temple is at the foot of the Hill and all these having been repaired and the Rathothsava festival is being conducted every year by the untiring efforts of Mr. Vasudevaiya. Good deal more remains to be done. Construction of steps forgoing up the Hill is the first and foremost thing to be done. It is a pity that the Government grant for this temple is only 3½Rs. and not more. I hope the Government will be pleased to increase the grant by at least (ten) 10 Rs. per mensem in addition to the present grant and also contribute a portion of the cost for erecting steps which Mr. Vasudevaiya says he is going to start soon, as soon as he succeeds in getting more fund from the subscribers. If the top can be easily ascended by the construction of steps, it will be probably turn to be good sanitarium. The weather at the top of the Hill is always very pleasant and cool and the view all round is most charming. I wish and pray God that Mr. Vasudevaiya is blest with good health and long life to enable him to complete the work he has undertaken.

CAMP GARUDANAGIRI, 24th July 1901. (Sd.) V. AIYASWAMI IYER, B. A., B. C. E., *Assistant Engineer, Kadur.*

I visited to-day the temple on the top and at the foot of the Garudanagiri hill and was much pleased with them. Their present satisfactory condition is chiefly due to the untiring and disinterested efforts of Vasudevaiya, who seems to spare no pains to improve them. There is however good deal more to be done yet, and the pancity of funds is in the way. Now that the things have been started fairly well. I have no doubt that Vasudevaiya will find it somewhat easy to bring the things into a satisfactory close. Apart from what he expects from private contributions, he has prayed Government to supplement it by a substantial grant of the produce of the hills for the benifit of the temples. This prayer deserves one consideration. The establishment of the temple besides is very poor as it is now and requires to be strengthened.

I quite realize the necessity for the construction of steps referred to by several gentlemen; and I have every confidence in Vasudevaiya's accomplishing it if he only succeeds in collecting subscriptions to the extent he expects.

GARUDANAGIRI, 23/5/02. (Sd.) G. SREENIVASIYENGAR, *Amildar.*

I visited the temples on the Garudanagiri Hill yesterday in company with Mr. Vasudevaiya and was much pleased with the manner in which they have been kept in repair by him. I hope, that some day, he will be enabled to complete a path

up the hill in order that the temples and interesting fort may be made more accessible. I am glad to subscribe Rs. 5 towards this good object.

(Sd.) G. H. THOMPSON, CAPT.,
His Majesty's Chief Inspector,
of Explosives.

21st December 02.

Went up the hill this morning. The work of Mr. Vasudevaiya in having repaired the temples etc., is highly creditable to him. Putting up steps up the hill is very desirable. This is a nice camping ground for Officers and a good Shikari Camp.

I shall be glad to recommend any reasonable proposal to improve the village and other institutons of the place.

(Sd.) K. CHANDY,
1st General Asstt. Commissioner,
Hassan District.

30/6/03.

I went up the Garudanagiri Hills this morning. The attempts of Mr. Vasudeviah, Patel, to improve the temples and to give permanancy to the services are very praiseworthy and deserve more hearty support and co-operation from the general public than there objects have yet been received. Yearly subscriptions that have been promised by people for the maintenance of the temple and the performance of its services are not coming in with regularity. It would be a pity if the temple services are again to be abandoned for want of funds.

The fort is very interesting and should be made more accessable. I understand that a large number of devotees frequent the place and go up the hill to the temples. It would be desirable if a fund were raised for the purpose of improving the way up the Hill.

(Sd.) K. MATHAN,
Assistant Commissioner,
Hassan District.

26/6/04.

Accompanied by my friends and relatives I got up the Garudanagiri hill yesterday at 4 P. M. During my ascent which I performed with great difficulty for want of steps. I had to pass through four gates before reaching the Anjaneya temple and a standing pool of water close by. Standing on the fort I had a good view of the picturesque scenery all round. Going still higher up I happened to meet with a huge steep rock below which there was a stone mantap containing the consecrated idols of Narayana, Narasimhara and Shankara. I was very much struck with the beauty of the figure Narasimha very finely carved in stone. The locality looked neat and clean and presented a bright appearance, the walls having been all white washed. I was glad to see the ancient temples which were for a long in a neglected condition were soon repaired and restored to their former condition by the untiring and enthusiastic efforts of Mr. Vasudeviah who seemed to have spared no pains in collecting subscriptions and seeking help and co-operation from official superiors and charitable gentlemen of the Hassan and Kadur Districts. To place the institution on a sure and satisfactory basis there is required aid not only from

the public but also from the Government in the shape of large monthly grants for its up-keep, the present grant of Rs. 3—4—0 per mensem is I hear too poor a sum to maintain the worshipper and other establishment of the temple. As the place is frequented by devotees of all sects whether Hindus or Mahummadans, it is hoped that the beneficent Government will liberally support the institution making the cry wished for object of Mr. Vasudevaiya a sure success. With regard to the construction of steps so as to make the hill accessible to all I am of opinion that the work should be undertaken at once in as much as great difficulty and danger are experienced by visitors while ascending the hill; and that unless work is progressing on no large amount could be soon collected for the purpose. In order that the intended work may be put on hand at once, I am glad to subscribe my quota of subscription for the same and hope that pious and disinterested men will come forward with their generous subscriptions so as to enable Mr. Vasudeviah, the Patel to see the construction of a pathway an accomplished fact in the near future.

It would be a failure of my duty if in this connection I omit to mention the name of Vaivattudar Rangia, the Shanbhogue of Garudanagiri, who in co-operation with the Patel Vasudeviah, has gratuitously undertaken the responsibility of managing the affairs of the temple.

GARUDANAGIRI,
18th August 1904.

(Sd.) M. K. TIRUMALACHARYA,
Deputy Inspector.

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COPY OF TESTIMONIAL.

went up the Garudanagiri Hill this morning and was present at the "puja" performed in the several temples. It is a pleasure to note the good work that has been, and is being, done in the matter of the restoration of the Temples and the serving of permancy of the services therein.

The long felt want of steps up the hill has been supplied to the extent that was found possible. All this is due to the disinterested efforts of Mr. Vasudeviah, and he deserves the sympathy and active support of the general public. As regards the aid from Government, it is observed that the Temples enjoy a monthly grant of Rs. 3- -4—0. An application for the increase of this allowance to Rs. 10—0—0 is said to be pending disposal, and I have no hesitation in saying that the application deserves the most favourable consideration.

CAMP GARUDANAGIRI,
1st. January 1906.

(Signed) B. RAMASAMAIAH,
Genl. Asstt. Commissioner,
Hassan District.

The amount ~~will~~ should be provided

Very urgent

Mudgnar

Read;

Govt Pro no 3313-4 dy 13th Feby. 1906 passing orders in the matter of granting certain concessions to the Sankareswaraswami ~~temples~~ & other Siva & Vishnu temples on the Garudanagiri Hill in the Arsikere Taluk

And;

Memorial no 5255/1717 dy 8th June 1906 addressed to H. H. the Maharaja by Vasudeviah of Garudanagiri, Arsikere Taluk, praying for the grant of increased Tastik etc. to the temples in question.

Order thereon no. dy.

~~The Govt.~~ The Govt. officers

that

The memorialist has been very enthusiastic in effecting repairs and improvements to the old temples on the Garudanagiri Hills and has devoted much time and labour to the work besides ~~to the formation of a flight of steps to the top of the Hill by~~ Collecting and utilizing, for the purpose, large sums of money from private contributions. // In consideration of the very great improvements effected by him, and the formation of a flight of steps to the top of the Hill (a very costly work), the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja are pleased to sanction, of the temples in question, a cash grant of ~~Rs~~ 10/- per mensem (in addition to the existing small tasoik of ~~Rs~~ 3-4-5 per mensem) with effect from

The amount should be provided by the Comptr in the Mysore Budget for 1906-07

July 1906. The ~~[illegible]~~ of Inam settlements in Mysore Supdt. is requested to register the grant and issue a fresh title deed therefor. (3) As regards the other requests of the memorialist about the appointment of Dharmadarsis and the grant of a rice allowance from the Chattram at Banavar, Orders of Govt. will issue in due course. ~~The additional tasdiks of 1 to 10 now sanctioned should be included in the Budget for the current official year 1906-07.~~

H. H's order

9/7/06

Secretary.

9/7/06

To, The Dy. Commr. Hassan Distt.
Comptr. Mysore Govt.
Inam Supdt. in Mysore.
Sectry. to Govt. Genl. and Rev. Deptts.

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By order

13/7/06

Draft

Secretary to Govt

Mwsrai Depart

No. 243/10

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER, MYSORE GOVERNMENT,

Dated Bangalore, the 14 July 1906

FROM

RAI N. G. BASU BAHADUR, M.A.,

COMPTROLLER, MYSORE GOVERNMENT.

To

L. Anantasami Rao, Esq., B.A.,

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,

Muzrai DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to Government Proceedings No.126-9 dated the 9th July 1906 in the Muzrai Department sanctioning a cash grant of Rs. 10/- per mensem to the Sri-Sankaresvaraswami and other Siva and Vishnu temples on the Garadangiri Hill in the Arsikere Taluk in addition to the existing small tasdik of Rs. 3-4-5 per mensem with effect from the 1st July 1906, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to obtain the confirmation of Government in the Financial Department of the additional cash grant of Rs. 10/- per mensem sanctioned in the Government order under reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Comptroller.

T.G.S.

Department.

1906

From

Rai N. G. Basu Bahadur, M.A.,
Comptroller, Mysore Govt.

To

Esq.,

Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Rev. & Genl Dept.

Dated

Despatched 14. 7-06

Received

No. 243
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Subject Matter.

Requesting to obtain the confirmation of Govt in the Fin. Dept of the additional cash grant of Rs. 10/- per pensioner sanctioned in the Govt order - under reference

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No 228
14.7.06

The General Secretary has been addressed on the subject vide No 130 dated 9th July 1906.

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No. 130
En: 1 & one file 31-1901 Very urgent
(S. No. 1 & 05)

To,

The Secretary to Govt.
Genl. and Rev. Depts

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Govt. Pro. no. 126-9 dt 9-7-06, — Sanctioning an additional Tasdik of ~~Rs~~ 10p per to the Sri Sankareswara and other Siva and Vishnu temples on the Garudanagiri Hill in the Arsikere Taluk and to request the favor of your confirming the said order in the Financial Branch of the Genl. and Rev. Sectt.

2) The entire file on the subject together with

The office note and H H's ~~gracious~~ orders thereon is forwarded herewith for reference and re-transmission when no longer required.

I have etc

DFH

9/7/06

Secretary.

9/7/06

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

MYSORE GOVERNMENT
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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

Read.--

Letter No.130 dated the 9th July 1906 from the Secretary to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja in the Muzrai Department, forwarding for confirmation in the Financial Department, copy of Govt.Pro.No.126-9(Muzrai) dated the 9th July 1906, sanctioning an additional tasdik of Rs.10 per mensem to the Sri Sankareswaraswami and other Siva and Vishnu temples on the Garudanagiri Hill in the Arsikere Taluk.

Subd for information
17/7/06

Order thereon.-- No. Fb 379-80
Lgl Fm 13-05-2

Dated, Bangalore, the 17-7-06

C O N F I R M E D.

For Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government, Muzrai Department, with the entire Muzrai File.

The Comptroller to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja.